GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:338
ANSWERED ON:04.02.2004
STANDARDS FOR FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS
ANIL BASU

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Committee of Food Standards has laid down specific standards for food and food products including Baby milk powder;

(b) if so, the details regarding the implementation of the recommendations made by CCFS; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to monitor the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 338 FOR 04.02.2004

The standards of various food articles including infant milk food (Baby milk powder) have been prescribed under Appendix-B of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955, after consultation with the Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), as required by sub-section
(i) of section 23 of the PFA Act, 1954 (37 of 1954).

The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/Union Territories are responsible for the implementation of the provisions of the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955, made thereunder in the country. The Food (Health) Authorities are also advised from time to time to keep a strict vigil to check adulteration in their States/Union Territories.